

CHAPTER**19****Guided Reading Strategies 19.1****The Persian Gulf and Interior**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, write the correct word or place next to its description. Choose your answers from the list below. Some items will not be used.

Saudi Arabia

Elburz Mountains

An Nafūd

Hindu Kush

oil

Arabian Peninsula

water

Kopet-Dag

Indian Ocean

Middle East

Euphrates

Mesopotamia

_____ **1.** Another name for the region formed by the Persian Gulf and interior Southwest Asia

_____ **2.** Lies between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf

_____ **3.** Lies between the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea

_____ **4.** Region whose name means “between the rivers”

_____ **5.** One of two great rivers in the region

_____ **6.** Mountain range found in Afghanistan

_____ **7.** Desert of red sand

_____ **8.** Country whose lowlands along the Persian Gulf are among the hottest places in the world

_____ **9.** Natural resource that is in short supply in the region

_____ **10.** Most valuable natural resource in the region

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify the seven countries that make up the Persian Gulf and interior region.

1. Country: _____

5. Country: _____

2. Country: _____

6. Country: _____

3. Country: _____

7. Country: _____

4. Country: _____

CHAPTER 19

Guided Reading Strategies 19.2

The Persian Gulf and Interior

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, circle the boldface word or phrase that *best* completes each statement below.

1. The world's first civilizations developed in an area known as the **Kopet-Dag / Fertile Crescent**.
2. The **Sumerians / Persians** built the world's first known cities in southern Mesopotamia.
3. The prophet Muhammad established a religion known as **Islam / Hinduism**.
4. The rule of **Mongols / Safavids** is considered a golden age of Persian culture.
5. In the **1500s / 1900s** the Ottoman Turks conquered Mesopotamia.
6. The Ottoman Turks controlled the western part of the region until the **French / British** took over.
7. The dominant language in the region is **Arabic / Hebrew**.
8. A group of people called the **Iraqis / Kurds** have never had their own country.
9. Most of the people in Iran are Persians who speak **English / Farsi**.
10. Today about 90 percent of Muslims are **Sunnis / Shia**.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, discuss the processes that encouraged the spread of Arabic culture.

* What are 5 examples of Arabic culture? Provide details of each
